

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 remain pending in the application.

Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to claims 1 and 8 find support in the original disclosure at Figure 6, which clearly depicts the guide groove in the upper surface of the turntable and arranged in a substantially diametric position. Conforming amendments have been made to the specification. Applicant respectfully requests approval and entry of the claim amendments.

Claims 1-3, 7, and 8 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,870,939 to Matsubara. Claims 4-6 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Matsubara in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,265,154 to Batson.

Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

Claims 1 and 8 are both directed to a sliding miter saw featuring a base, a turntable pivotally connected to the base, and a ram slidably received in a guiding groove of the turntable. As clarified by the above amendments, the guiding groove is located in the upper surface of the turntable and is arranged in a substantially diametrical position. (Claims 2-7 incorporate these features by virtue of their dependency from claim 1.)

The Examiner asserts that parts 9a-b and 32 of Matsubara are guiding grooves. Applicant respectfully disagrees. None of the parts 9a, 9b, and 32 are diametrically positioned. Additionally, none of the parts 9a, 9b, and 32 constitute grooves in the upper surface of the turntable. Rather, Matsubara mounts these parts on the bottom surface of the turntable.

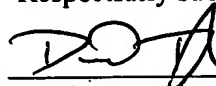
Batson, which has been cited by the Examiner for its alleged disclosure of supporting members, an elastic member, and a guiding channel does not overcome the deficiencies of Matsubara.

For these reasons, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the Section 102(b) and 103(a) rejections.

If, after reviewing the above, the Examiner believes any issues remain unresolved, the favor of an Examiner interview is requested and the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned, by telephone, to schedule same.

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